Executive Froclamation State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Bruce, South Dakota, a community in northwestern Brookings County, is a town whose history is something of a mystery; and,

WHEREAS, Settled in 1881, Bruce originally went by a different name. Some reports claim that the town was first called Thoms, while others maintain the original title was Lee; and,

WHEREAS, There is even history disagreement on the origin of the community's present moniker. There are those who maintain Bruce was the son of an early North Western railroad official, while others claim the town was named after B. K. Bruce, a well-known statesman and friend of then U. S. Senator Roscoe Conkling; and,

WHEREAS, Despite these puzzling conundrums, there are certain facts about Bruce that go undisputed. Everyone agrees that Bruce was incorporated on January 28, 1903, under its first president, O. E. Bunday, and the whole town admits that they are looking forward to a rousing centennial celebration this summer; and,

WHEREAS, Bruce, South Dakota, is a friendly town that always extends a warm welcome to friends and strangers alike. It has a very active Community Club, American Legion and Auxiliary, and the pride in towns like Bruce contributes greatly to the high quality of life in South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, This summer, Bruce is celebrating its first one hundred years with memorable festivities and commemorations:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 4, 1983, as

BRUCE CENTENNIAL DAYS

in South Dakota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirty-first Day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Three

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE